



Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church



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Our Lady of Lourdes

Music Director: Chris Jansen, St. Elizabeth

OFFICE HOURS

Monday Thursday from 8:00 am-5:00 pm

Closed for lunch: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass at St. Elizabeth:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday~7:30 am

Tuesday~12:00 pm

Saturday Vigil at St. Elizabeth 4:30 pm

Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes 9:00 am

Sunday Mass at St. Elizabeth 7:30 and 10:30 am

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Parishioners who are seriously or critically ill or having surgery, please contact Father Flach.

BAPTISMS

Please contact Fr. Flach for registration and information.

R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is an ongoing formation process for adults who are interested in becoming a Catholic and would like to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and/or First Eucharist. Call the Parish Center for additional information.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

If you are considering marriage, please contact Father Flach no later than 6 months prior to the proposed wedding date and the diocesan and parish guidelines will be explained.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays at St. Elizabeth 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm or by appointment

Sunday, April 14, 2019
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



As He rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; and now as He was approaching the slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of His disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. They proclaimed:

"Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples. He said in reply, "I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!"



Mass Intentions

Apr. 13	4:30 pm	Tom Bachelor by Patty Dunlap
Apr. 14	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	9:00 am	Ruth Kinchen by Keith & Rita Wirey
	10:30 am	Special Intentions
Apr. 15	7:30 am	Harry Bohman (Birthday, Deceased) by George & Jane Bohman
Apr. 16	12:00 pm	Rita Lakamp by Ginger Osborne
Apr. 17	7:30 am	Special Intentions
<u>Holy Thursday</u> <u>Apr. 18</u>	7:30 am	Marilu Fehrenbacher by Albert Fehrenbacher Family
<u>Our Lady of Lourdes</u> <u>St. Elizabeth</u>	4:00 pm	Special Intentions- Our Lady of Lourdes
	6:00 pm	Gustavo Garcia, Jr. by Dave & Kaye Holscher
<u>Good Friday</u> <u>Apr. 19</u>	6:30 pm	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
<u>Easter Vigil</u> <u>Apr. 20</u>	6:00 pm	Easter Vigil-Francis Medina by Rito & Maria Medina
<u>Easter Services</u> <u>Apr. 21</u>	7:30 am	Karlene Frese by Pete Frese
	9:00 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
	10:30 am	Special Intentions



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, April 20 ~ Sunday, April 21, 2019

<u>Sat. Apr. 20, 2019</u>	<u>4:30 pm</u>	St. Elizabeth
	LECTOR:	Geri Ezell
	USHERS:	Terry & Lynne Roche
	COMMUNION MIN:	Ginger Osborne, Celeste White
	SERVERS:	Ella Buntin, Ella Jenkins
	GIFTS:	Terry Roche Family
<u>Sun. Apr. 21, 2019</u>	<u>7:30 am</u>	St. Elizabeth
	LECTOR:	Shari Eckert
	USHERS:	Garrett Rich, Travis Rich
	COMMUNION MIN:	Chad Arkenberg, Joe Hepner
	SERVERS:	Jeff Hermann
	GIFTS:	Joe Hepner Family
<u>Sun. Apr. 21, 2019</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	Our Lady of Lourdes
	LECTOR:	Bob Coffman
	USHERS:	Frank & Anne Schalasky
	COMMUNION MIN:	Wilmer Wilson, Donna Keller
	SERVERS:	Cameron Davis
	GIFTS:	Ethel Dhom, Carol Miller
<u>Sun. Apr. 21, 2019</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>	St. Elizabeth
	LECTOR:	Sam Quick
	USHERS:	Ken Deters, Chris Weber
	COMMUNION MIN:	Patti Buercklin, Carol Wong
	SERVERS:	Emily Ferris, Maddy Myers
	GIFTS:	Clark Myers Family
	April Collection Counters:	Kaye Holscher, Karen Reinoehl, Linda Rich

Please remember to attend weekly Mass



Parish School of Religion

PSR News: April Dates: Wednesday, April 17, & 24. April 17th-Stations of the Cross for Grades 4-8. Youth: High School Bonfire at the Bohman Farm on Sun. Apr. 28th from 7-8:30 pm.

Holy Week Events



Wed. Apr. 17, 2019 ~

7:30 am ~ Sacred Eucharist

8:00 am ~ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10:00 am ~ Stations of the Cross

Holy Thursday ~ April 18, 2019 ~

7:30 am ~ Sacred Eucharist

4:00 pm ~ Sacred Eucharist ~ Our Lady of Lourdes

6:00 pm ~ Sacred Eucharist ~ St. Elizabeth

Good Friday ~ April 19, 2019 ~

6:00 pm ~ St. Elizabeth ~ Stations of the Cross ~

6:30 pm ~ Solemn Good Friday Service

Holy Saturday ~ April 20, 2019 ~

6:00 pm ~ Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday ~ April 21, 2019 ~

7:30 am & 10:30 am ~ Sacred Eucharist ~ St. Elizabeth

9:00 am ~ Sacred Eucharist ~ Our Lady of Lourdes

Holy Week Services



The most Holy & SACRED SEASON OF LENT is about to conclude with the arrival of HOLY WEEK, the blessed time when we prayerfully reflect upon the suffering & death of our LORD JESUS CHRIST. Seeking the conversion of our hearts during

this past penitential seasons of LENT, we have been able to participate in spiritual acts as fasting, prayer, almsgiving, & sacrifices. We will begin the solemn celebration of **HOLY WEEK** with the **BLESSING & DISTRIBUTION OF PALMS** on **PALM SUNDAY** or **PASSION SUNDAY** on **Sun. Apr. 14, 2019** as we read & reflect upon the SACRED PASSION, the SUFFERING & the DEATH of God's son, our LORD JESUS. Within the completion of HOLY WEEK, we will gather to remember & reflect upon the **LAST SUPPER** for on **HOLY THURS. Apr. 18, 2019** we will be privileged to partake & participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Following our commemoration of the LAST SUPPER, we find ourselves at the **FOOT OF THE CROSS OF JESUS** on the **HOLY DAY OF GOOD FRI. Apr. 19, 2019**. Preparing our hearts with fasting, discipline, penance & prayer, we desire to recall the SACRED PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS by praying together the **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** at **6:00 pm** followed by the **SOLEMN LITURGY OF GOOD FRIDAY** with the distribution of HOLY COMMUNION. As we conclude the HOLIEST WEEK OF THE CHURCH YEAR, we begin the SACRED SEASON OF EASTER on **HOLY SAT. Apr. 20, 2019** with the celebration of the **EASTER VIGIL** at **6:00 P.M.** **EASTER SUNDAY MASSES** will be celebrated on **Sun. Apr. 21, 2019** at **7:30 & 10:30 AM** at **St. Elizabeth & 9:00 am** at **Our Lady of Lourdes Church**.

Rest In Peace



Please remember to pray for the soul of **HENRY CHAPMAN**, Father of Scott & Valerie Chapman. In God's Love we pray that He will grant him a place of eternal love in the kingdom of Heaven & that their family will receive comfort & peace in their sorrow & loss.

April 14, 2019 ~ Palm Sunday of the Lord Jesus' Passion ~ From the Pastor

Today's readings are clear, concise & circumspect. They say what needs to be said about Jesus' horrific passion, but they are almost modest describing the many details of his suffering. The facts are stated simply & highlighted perfectly, but they are sparse with the details that define Jesus' pain. Consciously avoiding elaborate & gross details of the grim specifics, the author writes in a simple & direct manner. It is as if he intends to place attention more on the savior's interior and supreme sacrifice than its cost. Emphasizing the overall deed itself rather than these significant aspects demonstrates that Jesus knew full well what he was doing & freely chose to do it. Jesus, the Son of God, always knew what his death would be like, & he chose to do it anyway. Why? Because his Father wanted the relationship with his creation mended. He wanted a reconciliation. He wanted creation's banishment ended & his delinquent, capricious creation brought home. Jesus took flesh to make this happen, delighting God, his Father, who lovingly accepted his son's acquiescence. Jesus, the way, the truth and the life, shepherds the Chosen People back to the flock where they belong. God always prefers to forgive rather than punish. What shepherd ever wants to see his flock in torment or pain? Shepherds want their flocks nourished, protected & healthy. Jesus described this in relating the tale of the good shepherd who leaves the 99 to seek the lost one. Yahweh is this same Good Shepherd seeking his lost flock with the loving help of his son. Frightening in many aspects, the author of this passion story desires to move Jesus' followers to a deeper awareness & appreciation of what Jesus did for them. His death touches every believer personally, no matter who they are, where they live or what language they speak. Jesus brings salvation to anyone who accepts him as the son of God & savior. Salvation is for everyone. We see how God's love for us is evident even in this tragedy. God's efforts to bring his vacillating children home has been God's priority. God never writes in straight lines & is not influenced by time, but he instead is motivated by love. Every Christian reading & praying over these Scriptures must be moved with gratitude, for each of them is included in Jesus' passion.



Daily Readings

Mon. Apr. 15, 2019 Is. 42:1-7 Gospel Jn. 12:1-11
 Tues. Apr. 16, 2019 Is. 49:1-6 Gospel Jn. 13:21-33, 36-38
 Wed. Apr. 17, 2019 Is. 50:4-9A Gospel Mt. 26:14-25
 Thurs. Apr. 18, 2019 Chrism Mass Reading 1-Is.61:1-3A,6A,8B-9, Reading 2-Rv.1:5-8, Gospel Lk.4:16-21
Evening Mass Reading 1-Ex. 12:1-8, 11-14
 Reading 2-1 Cor. 11:23-26 Gospel Jn. 13:1-15
 Fri. Apr. 19, 2019 Is. 52:13-53:12
 Reading 2 Heb. 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Gospel Jn. 18:1-19:42

Scriptural Reflections for PALM SUNDAY of the LORD JESUS' PASSION

Palm Sunday
 "In the palm procession our heart feels a joy mixed with sadness at sight of the Master's seemingly ephemeral triumph, prelude of suffering & death" (Servant of God Luis Martinez). Today's Mass recognizes that Jesus' full glory & kingship would only come about when he was lifted up. Our greatest sorrow & shame is the cause of our greatest joy—Christ on the cross. Jesus' experience of being loved & hated, of being welcomed & then rejected, provides us strength to endure the caprices & injustices of our own life.

Spiritual Reading for PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2019



"Only when someone values love more highly than life, where someone is ready to put life second to love, for the sake of love, &

love be stronger and more than death. If it is to be more than death. It must first be more mere life. Jesus' total love for men, "Which leads Him to the cross, is perfected in total stepping—over to the Father & therein become stronger than death, because in this it is at the same time total 'being held by him. (Pope Benedict VI). Now our Lord, who was humble & came to destroy pride, chose not to use the proud horse to him. He chose the simplest & the humblest of all animals the ass, because he so loved lowliness & humility that only a humble mount could serve him. God dwells & abides only in the simple & humble of heart (Is. 57:15). Wishing to show his esteem for this virtue, he chose lowliness & abjection for the day of his triumph. He emptied & humbled himself. He would not have been humiliated & despised by others except he willed it. He himself emptied himself, choosing abjection. He emptied & abased himself, he humbled himself; he came mounted upon an ass & a colt. He bent his bow & darted his arrows of love into the hearts of the people of Israel. All were moved at his coming and sang: Hosanna, blessed be the Son David, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; glory be to the Most High. His gentleness & humility captivated all their hearts. Had he come on any other conveyance he would have frightened them. This is the first quality that made the ass appropriate for our Lord's use on this occasion: its humility. Second quality—patience. Not only is the ass humbler it is exceedingly patient, allowing itself to be beaten & maltreated without ever forgetting its origin. It neither complains, nor bites, nor kicks. It endures all with great patience. Our Lord so loved patience that he wished to become its mirror & pattern. He endured scouring & ill treatment with invincible patience; he supported so many blasphemies, so many calaminies, without saying a word. Now humility & patience have such an affinity with one another that one can hardly exist without the other. He who desired to be humble must be patient enough to endure the contempt, the censurer the reprehensions that the humble suffer. Likewise, he who desires to be patient must be humble because one cannot long support the labors & adversities of this life without the humility which makes us gentle & patient. Finding these two qualities in this animal, our Lord chose it rather than any other for his entry into Jerusalem. The third reason is that this animal obedient, permitting us to burden it as much as we want without offering any resistance. It carries the load with remarkable submission & suppleness. So much did our divine Master love obedience & suppleness that he himself chose to give us an example of it. So, he bore the heavy burden of our iniquities & suffered for them all that we had merited. Oh, how blessed are they who are supple & submissive, who allow themselves to be commanded as others wish, subjecting themselves to all kinds of obedience without reply or excuse, supporting with good health the burden imposed on them! Only when clothed with these qualities of humility, patience, & submission can we be worthy to carry our Lord. Then the Savior will mount upon our hearts &, as a divine riding, master, conduct us under his obedience.

Spiritual Reading for HOLY THURSDAY



"Given for you..."

The Eucharistic Heart of Jesus

The interior oblation, ever alive in the heart of Christ, is as it were the soul of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and gives it its infinite value. Jesus Christ also continues to offer up to his Father our supplications, reparations, & our thanksgivings. But especially it is always the same infinitely pure victim which is offered up, the body of the crucified Savior, & his Precious Blood sacramentally shed on the altar so that it may continue to wipe away the sins of the world. The Eucharistic heart of Jesus in giving us the Eucharistic sacrifice has also given us the priesthood. Early in his ministry he said to his Apostles: Come after me, & I will make you to become fishers of men. On the night of the Last Supper he told them: You have not chosen me: but I have chosen you; & have appointed you, that you should go and should bring forth fruit; & your fruit should remain. Then he gave them the power to offer up the Eucharistic sacrifice when he said: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this for a commemoration of me. With these words he gave them the power of the holy consecration which continually renews the sacrament of love. The Eucharist, sacrament & sacrifice, cannot in truth be perpetuated without the priesthood. That is why for nearly two thousand years the grace of the Savior has brought into being & to fruition generation after generation of priestly vocations & this will continue until the end of the world. Finally, the Eucharistic heart of Jesus has given itself to us in Holy Communion. Our Savior gives himself to us as food not so that we will assimilate him to ourselves, but so that we may become more and more like him ever more vivified & sanctified by him, incorporated into him. One day he said to Saint Catherine of Siena: "I take thy heart from thee & give thee mine." This is a sensible symbol of what occurs spiritually in a fervent Communion. Our hearts die to their narrowness & selfishness & self-love, dilating & becoming like the heart of Jesus in purity, strength, & generosity. On another occasion, our Lord granted to this saint the grace of drinking deeply from the wound in his heart. This, too, is a symbol of a fervent Communion in which the soul drinks spiritually, so to speak, from the heart of Jesus, for this" source of new graces," the sweet refuge of the hidden life, "the master of the secret as of divine union," "the heart of him who sleeps but is

Spiritual Reading for Good Friday



"Let us admire, congratulate, rejoice, love, praise, adore; because through the death of our Redeemer we are called from darkness to light, from death to life, from exile to home, from grief to everlasting joy" (Saint Augustine). "Who is the one that is not filled with hope of obtaining confidence and courage when he gazes trustfully on the position of our Lord's crucified body? His head is bent to give us the kiss of peace, his arms extended to receive us, his hands pierced to pour his blessings upon us, his heart opened to love us, his feet nailed to the cross to soften our hearts and remain with us" (Saint Bernard of Clairvaux).



Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers: Sara Casburn (Linda Allen), Gerald Bierman (Clarence Schutte), Scott Chapman, Eileen Fabris & Valentine Pescatore, (Kathleen Pescatore), Anthony O'Dell (Jane Bohman), Wanda Ping, Layton Roy (Sean Sexton), Charlita Wilson, Darrell Wilson & the men & women in the armed forces.

Spiritual Reading for PALM SUNDAY

The hour overflows with supernatural power. In these last days it is as if Jesus were gathering strength on strength preparing the ultimate. He has just summoned Lazarus from the dead & power has accompanied the disciples into the world, so that at their word strangers entrust their flocks to them. Now 'triumphantly he enters Jerusalem, fulfilling to the letter the prophecy of the coming Messiah. Until then he has refused to be called the Messiah & crowned king; now he proclaims himself the long awaited one. This then is God's hour; were the masses to reject it, the stones beneath their feet would proclaim the Messiah. It is the last God-given chance. Will those seized by its power also find the strength to act according to the Spirit? Will they after all force the gate of the kingdom which had seemed so hopelessly barred?... This then is how it is when God descends to men! The apparent folly & danger of it are so great that the just & orthodox prepare for legal condemnation. The event is not even clothed in the dignity of genuine poverty. That would have also been impressive, for side by side with the power of greatness there exists the moving or august power of poverty, which stirs by its own mysterious power. But it is not genuine poverty that accompanies Jesus—neither among his disciples nor in the cheering masses. It is simply the average crowd as it is to be found everywhere in workshop, store, and street. Crowd in which we all could find our place—human reality, mediocrity bare of the paths of both of splendor & of misery. How difficult it is to recognize the self-revealing God! How difficult to steer clear of the scandal to the worldly sense of propriety & righteousness!



Fish Fry News Congratulations

SINCERE & HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS & a **SPECIAL THANK YOU** to all those who helped in any way wherever they were needed at the recent **SUCCESSFUL FISH FRIES**. All of your hard work in serving 2,576 **DINNERS** as well as preparing so endlessly hours & cleaning up certainly paid off as we were able to secure a profit of \$17,771.15. The profit for 2017 was \$14,325.00. The profit for 2018 was \$15,644.96. So our profit has increased **THANKS** to **EACH OF YOU**. This year has been the most successful year we have had. **THANK YOU & GOD BLESS YOU.**



Weekly Offerings

St. Elizabeth Church

Week ending Sunday, April 7, 2019

Envelopes \$ 2,627.00 Loose \$ 320.76 Building Fund \$205.00
 Central Europe \$20.00 Catholic Relief Services \$30.00
 Ash Wednesday \$10.00 Palm Sunday \$5.00 4 online @ \$385.00
 Deposit: \$3,602.76

Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Week ending Sunday, March 31, 2019

Envelopes \$822.00 Loose \$107.00 Operation Rice Bowl \$173.00
 Building Fund \$10.00 Catholic Relief Services \$145.00
 Deposit: \$1,257.00

Our Lady of Lourdes Finance Council



LOL's FINANCE COUNCIL will meet on **TUES. APR. 16, 2019** at 6:00 pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.